(c) The Central Govt. gives matching financial assistance to State/UTs for creation of sports infrastructure. The first instalment of the central share amounting to 90% of the approved central assistance is released only after the State/UTs have spent their own share, and the remaining 10% is released after the completion of the project thus ensuring utilisation of central assistance.

(d) The proposed steps include laying greater emphasis on sports in educational institutions prioritization of disciplines, stress on the development of sports at junior/Sub-junior level preparation of long term development plans in consultation with National Federations, involvement of the Corporate sector in development of Sports infrastructure; scientific back up to sportspersons. etc.

Petrochemical Complex in Orissa

2361. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set-up a petrochemical complex in Orissa in collaboration with Thailand;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) the expected time of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Management of Hospital Waste

2362. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past Government had issued a notification for proper management of hospital waste in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite the notification most of hospitals are throwing their wastes in the open dustbin causing serious health hazards; and

(d) if so, the remedial action Government propose to take to enforce proper hospital waste management in the country, particularly in the National Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Government have notified the draft Bio-Medical Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1995 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for information of the public and concerned agencies likely to be affected, inviting objections. The final notification is required to be issued after considering the comments received.

(c) and (d) The hospitals not having adequate facilities for disposal of medical wastes, quite often, throw such wastes in the open dustbin which gets mixed up with other wastes. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has prepared environmental standards and guidelines for management of hospital wastes which has been incorporated in the final draft of the said rules.

Inferior quality of food served by Railways

2363. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of the food supplied by the Railways to passengers in trains and tea and snacks in the restaurants run by the Railway Catering Department is very poor and passengers are being fleeced by the Catering Department;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of food, tea and snacks served in the trains and on the platforms by the vendors/canteens/ restaurants?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. While Railways exercise due care to provide

good quality service to passengers, complaints which arise from time to time are attended to promptly and remedial measures taken to redress the grievances including preventive measures and deterrent action against the persons at fault.

Year	No. of complaints	No. of cases where action taken
1993-94	361	322
1994-95	351	323
1995-96	308	268

(c) Improvement in catering service is an on-going and continuous process. Steps taken include—supply of meals in Casseroles; supply of ready to eat fast food items at stations and on trains; installation of Vending Machines to sell hot and cold beverages; undertaking food sample checks by the Medical Deptt. for lab tests to prevent food adulteration etc., training of catering staff at recognised institutions and frequent inspections by officers/staff.

Assessment Regarding Requirement and Production of Foodgrains by 2000 A.D.

2364. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the requirement and production of foodgrains in the country by 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawnup any action plan to achieve the target;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which productivity level of various foodgrains particularly that of wheat, rice, pulses and oilseeds are proposed to be raised during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The normative requirement of foodgrains for the country as a whole by 2000 AD has been assessed at 204.5 million tonnes. As regards the production of foodgrains, the Planning Commission in the Eighth Five Year Plan Document have projected foodgrains production for the year 2001-2002 at 245.0 million tonnes for the country.

(c) and (d) To increase the production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government has been implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes which include Integrated Cereals Development Programmes in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals based cropping system areas; Accelerated Maize Development Programme and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) besides providing market and price support to the farmers.

(e) The productivity levels of foodgrains and oilseeds would be examined while finalising the Ninth Five Year Plan by the Planning Commission.

National Pulses Development Projects in Bihar

2365. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the National Pulses Development Project in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) the steps Government have taken to encourage the farmers in the State to produce more pulses in the State; and

(d) the incentives being given to them for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in Bihar State. The expenditure under the Scheme is being shared on 75:25 basis between Government of India and the State. For 1996-97, an allocation of Rs. 131.00 lakh as GOI share, has been made to the State.

(c) and (d) In order to encourage the farmers to produce more pulses, the incentives are being provided to them on the use of certified seeds, seed treating chemicals,